



**MOOSE LODGE HAS BIRTHDAY . . .** The above picture shows a group of state, district and local officials of the Moose organization and invited guests surrounding a huge birthday cake during the 20th Anniversary celebration last Sunday in the Torrance civic auditorium. They are (left to right): William Ambach, Robert Garbe, Bert Mackley, William Anderson, Major H. Hol-

land (U.S. Army), H. Bivens, Antonio Entenza (guest speaker), Roy Briggs, Jack Wade, John McCall (master of ceremonies), Jim West, Otto Kresse, Tommy Wilkes (governor of Torrance lodge), Ed Scanlon, Don Hyde, Alex Thompson, A. H. Bartlett, Jim Evans, J. Lepkin.

—Torrance Herald Photo

## City Council Gives Go Ahead Orders to Buy Six New Buses

With assurance of backing from practically all the leading industrial plants in the form of subsidy, guarantees of \$2,000 monthly over a two-year period, members of the city council late Tuesday night authorized Charles H. Koors to confer Wednesday morning with City Engineer Glenn Jain to prepare application to the Office of Defense Transportation for the purchase of six new 56-passenger buses for the Torrance Municipal Bus System.

### Tap Manpower Centers

Koors last week submitted a very comprehensive and enlightening survey of the transportation situation as it affects this community, together with recommendations as to how the problem can be solved through the purchase of these new coaches and expansion of service so as to tap potential points in southwest Los Angeles county from which recruitment of manpower for Torrance industries may be obtained.

Not only that, it was proposed to expand and improve services for the benefit of all residents of this community desiring to travel to Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Pedro, the South Bay cities and Inglewood in a short time.

With his report following the recent survey to the transportation committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, copies of which were presented to members of the city council and management of various plants, Koors also submitted a map showing the tentative routes to be followed which, he declared, would give patrons service that would meet all present demands.

### Area to Be Served

With the additional buses, the Torrance Municipal Bus System will be prepared to give improved service to Los Angeles, Long Beach and Harbor City areas. There are to be two new routes into Long Beach to connect with the Long Bus System, supply.

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## League of Cities Meeting Tonight At El Segundo

The next meeting of the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County division, of which Mayor Tom F. McGuire of Torrance is president, will meet in the Woman's club building at El Segundo tonight. The board of directors will convene at 6:30 and is to be followed by the dinner meeting at 7:30 o'clock.

It was announced by President McGuire today that the guest speaker of the occasion will be Dr. George M. Uhl, Los Angeles city health officer. He will use as his topic, "Food Poisoning," illustrated by pictures and slides.

It is expected that aside from the mayor, a number of other Torrance city officials will attend this gathering.

## Keller Elected Member of Board Torrance C. of C.

At a meeting of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce last Monday, Harry E. Keller, general superintendent of the Aluminum Company's plant at 192nd st. and Normandie ave., was selected as a member of the board to succeed William H. Tolson, resigned, it was announced by James L. Lynch, president of the chamber.

Mr. Keller also was appointed chairman of the chamber's industrial relations committee, Lynch also advised.

## City Enriched by \$7,641.78 from Franchise Earnings of Utilities

The city of Torrance was \$7,641.78 richer today when checks aggregating the above sum were received from three utilities companies as the city's share of franchise earnings during the past year. The largest contribution came from the Southern California Gas Company in the amount of \$5,688.30, the second largest check came from the Southern California Edison Company for \$1,567.70, and the third, from the Shell Oil Company for \$385.78.

The city council Tuesday night also approved sale of a franchise to the Texas Oil Company in conformance with previous agreements. This franchise will run for a period of 40 years after adoption of the ordinance introduced and read for the first time at this week's council session. Under the terms

## TEN FILE FOR CITY COUNCIL

Voters at the April 11 municipal election will have a choice of ten candidates from which to select three members to the Torrance city council, each councilman to serve four years. When the deadline for filing passed last Saturday at noon, all three incumbents had filed their nomination papers for re-election and seven other candidates had qualified. They are:

- Mayor Tom F. McGuire, incumbent, personnel manager of the National Supply Co., 1411 Beech ave.
- Lawrence V. Babcock, incumbent, stock clerk at the National Supply Co., 2023 Gramercy ave.
- George V. Powell, incumbent, school custodian, 2116 Gramercy ave.
- Paul Findley, steelworker at Columbia Steel Co., 1634 Crenshaw blvd.
- Charles Merton Gilbert, pipefitter at General Petroleum, 2607 Sonoma ave.
- Durwood D. Palmer, crane operator at National Supply Co., 1747 Gramercy ave.
- William H. Tolson, former mayor and member of the city council for six years, now engaged in the insurance and truck sales business, 903 Beech ave.
- George P. Thatcher, salesman, WALTERIA.
- Robert Paul Slonecker, mechanic, WALTERIA.
- Joel Hagberg, truck driver for city street department, WALTERIA.

While the public generally seems to be too busy with wartime activities to bother much about the coming election—now only 25 days away—pre-election tension is already much in evidence around the city hall. In fact, the arguments grew so heated following Tuesday's council session that two of the city dads squared off and tried to settle their differences with their fists—but were restrained by others present, according to reports, "from authoritative sources," as the foreign correspondents say.

Lack of interest on the part of the voting public is reflected in the small number who took the trouble to bring their registrations up to date. In spite of the greatly increased population, registrations for the April 11 municipal election total only 3,675 as compared with 4,659 as of April, 1942, or a loss of 984 voters. Political observers predict a rather "small vote" unless considerably more interest is aroused than now seems apparent. "However, you never can tell what ten candidates can kick up," commented another veteran in the field of local politics.

Not long ago the council granted permission to the Texas Oil Company to lay a trunk pipe line through the city on Western ave. Terms of this franchise contract, it was stated, gives assurance of substantial annual income from this source in the future.

## How Red Cross Service Is Carried to Fighting Fronts Told by Speaker

Miss Evalyn Franz, attached to Red Cross headquarters in Los Angeles, explained to a group of about 80 women assembled in the council chamber of the city hall last Monday afternoon that 90 cents out of every dollar to be collected in the current Red Cross fund will go to service of men in the armed forces of the United States.

Her inspiring and instructive address was delivered to the group of volunteers who are calling on the residents of Torrance this week for funds to carry on the good work that is being done on every front where Americans are fighting in this global war. Miss Franz explained further that the cost of administration of the vast Red Cross organization throughout the globe amounts to only 3 cents out of each dollar subscribed, and the remaining 97 percent for other activities of the Red Cross.

The speaker outlined five important divisions through which service is rendered to those in the armed forces overseas. She mentioned that 53 Red Cross clubs have been established in Europe, Alaska, South Pacific Islands, India, Burma, England, Australia, Africa, Italy, and wherever men wearing the uniforms of the United States have been sent. The good these

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## Columbia Steel Employees Hike Red Cross Ante

It has been announced that deductions from checks of Columbia Steel employees for allied war relief to date has reached the total of \$10,731.25. Of this amount \$4,599.60 was turned over to the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross, the remainder going to the L. A. Area War Chest.

Last year the Red Cross received 33 1/2 percent of the sum allocated to war relief, but during the ensuing year allocation will be 45 percent of the payroll deductions, in concurrence with the C.I.O. program, according to Paul Findley, who said the pledge of one hour's pay each month continues in force.

## City of Torrance Financial Survey Submitted to Council By Industrial Tax Committee

The California Taxpayers' Association, at the request of and in cooperation with the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, has just completed a tax survey of Torrance which was placed in the hands of members of the city council Tuesday night for perusal and study. Accompanying the report of the survey, a letter addressed to the mayor and city council from E. L. Plummer, Jr., chairman of the local committee, said:

"As you are aware, the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, in cooperation with you and other city officials, has been engaged in reviewing the fiscal affairs of the city of Torrance in relation to local tax levies. The desire of all of us is the continuance of good local government at the minimum of cost.

"The California Taxpayers' Association, a state-wide non-political association of taxpayers, with a staff of research and budget specialists who are recognized authorities in the field of public expenditures, have,

## Murchison Gets Transfer to Redondo Beach

Ernest E. Murchison, manager of the Torrance branch of the Western Auto Supply Company, will be transferred to the last of this month to the company's Redondo Beach store.

This will be a promotion for Murchison. In Redondo Beach he will reorganize the company's store there in keeping with Western's policy of departmentalizing their branches.

Murchison came to Torrance in May, 1937, as manager of the local store when it was first opened here. "I have made so many friends here in Torrance," said Murchison, "that while I'll be working in Redondo Beach I plan to continue my residence in Torrance."

It is understood that the new manager of the local Western Auto Supply store will be Jack Murray, who was formerly associated with the local store as assistant manager. Murray is well known in Torrance and has many friends who will welcome him back to this city.

## Lt. Hodge Missing Since January 16

Mrs. John Spiller, 1529 West 223rd st., has been advised that her nephew, Lt. Edward L. Hodge, had been killed while in flight overseas between Florida and Cuba. He was reported missing on Jan. 16. The lieutenant visited at the home of Mrs. Spiller, also that of his uncle, A. M. Simms, while in Torrance about four months ago.

Lt. Hodge had been in service two years to the day he was reported missing. He is a son of Mrs. C. H. Vaught of Canadian, Tex.

## Moose Members Stage Party on 20th Birthday

Officers and members of Torrance Loyal Order of Moose lodge celebrated the 20th anniversary of the organization at a breakfast and entertainment in the Civic Auditorium last Sunday. There were many visitors present, including officers of the California Moose Association, officials and members of lodges in the Harbor area and many others.

Tommy Wilkes, governor of the local lodge, presided during a portion of the program. Antonio Entenza, Los Angeles attorney and veteran member of the fraternity was the guest speaker. He spoke of what he described as wonderful achievements at Mooseheart, Ill., and what the Loyal Order of Moose is doing to care for and advance the welfare of children. He mentioned that if some of the groups now troubled over the problem of juvenile delinquency would call in someone from Mooseheart it might be to their advantage. Juvenile delinquency has found no place at Mooseheart, he asserted.

**Ring Presented**  
In connection with the anniversary observance was presentation by Entenza at the request of Governor Wilkes of three Moose gold rings to as many members of the Torrance lodge who had been affiliated with the organization for 20 years and who had remained in good standing during the period, always serving the fraternity faithfully and well. The men so honored were J. Lepkin, S. Muschal and George Bailey.

In addition, membership pins were presented to a group consisting of C. Stevens, F. Buckley, M. E. Sirratt, F. Parr, C. D. Reid, D. Palmer, William Ambach and J. W. Barker, the efficient secretary of Torrance lodge.

**Dancing Students There**  
A two-hour program of entertainment was staged during and following the ham and egg breakfast when the Pacific Talent Academy and Bessie Clark studios of Inglewood and Torrance presented their primary and advanced dancing students in 45 special and other acts.

Upon conclusion of the program the large three-tiered cake was cut and served to those present, including the studio leaders, students and their parents. The occasion was one that will long be remembered by members of the Moose lodge and a group of non-member invited guests, declared Governor Wilkes when the party was over.

**Perfect Student Group Entertained at High School Auditorium**

Students who had perfect attendance at Torrance High school during last month were entertained in the school auditorium last Tuesday by Thomas Tucker, famous sound effects man who has been employed in the past by the major radio networks as a radio artist. As the originator of the "Pan-zan call," Tucker is one of the most talented impersonators living. His sound effects are all vocal, ranging over unlimited fields.

The special assembly was the first in a series to be presented each month for all students at Torrance High who have had perfect attendance during the preceding month.

## Rowell Coming Home With Navy Hero Medal

Edwin O. Rowell, A.R.M.2/c, Combat Air Forces, has telephoned his mother, Mrs. E. G. Rowell of 1348 Carson st., from San Francisco advising her that he would soon arrive here for a 30-day leave following duty in the Southwest Pacific.

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## Youth Commission Acts To Spur Recreational Program in Torrance

The Torrance Youth Commission held a meeting last Monday evening for the purpose of considering immediate recreational needs of the community.

The chairman, Rev. Paul Moore-Wheeler, confined the discussions to pertinent problems and on recommendation of the commission the chairman appointed a committee of four to investigate the possibilities of establishing a youth club for Torrance. The committee named consists of A. C. Turner, Mrs. Floyd Miller, A. T. Thornberry, U.S.A., with Rev. Wheeler serving as chairman. The proposed club is to be conducted by the young people where they can dance, eat, sit and talk and have a soft drink bar.

**Plan for WALTERIA**  
The commission also voted to recommend to the city council that the sum of not to exceed \$300 be allocated to construct in WALTERIA, on city owned lots, a recreation center for basketball and badminton games with night lighting facilities.

Thornberry, a former Torrance policeman who was given leave to enter the army, offered his services to work with Dale Riley, recreation commissioner, in forming the proposed club to promote boxing and wrestling.

**Public Meeting**  
The commission decided to hold a public meeting for the parents at which time a trained recreation man will be invited to speak. The Torrance Chamber of Commerce offered its facilities in arranging for this meeting. Harold Perry, principal of the Torrance High school, will be in charge.

It was announced that Bernard Strand, principal of the elementary schools, in cooperation with Perry, will contact the board of education with regard to using all school ground facilities on Saturdays and Sundays under a trained director.

It was the belief of members of the commission that the ultimate solution to the entire overall recreational problem in Torrance lies in securing for the city a qualified professional and well recommended director of recreation for the city. The next meeting of the commission will be held on Monday, April 17, at 8 p.m., in the city hall, it was announced.

Acting on recommendation of the commission, the city council at its session Tuesday night appropriated the required \$300 to provide recreational facilities in the WALTERIA area. This project will be put in operation in the very near future.

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## Torrance Youth Paid Honor by Class at Harvard

The Class of 1946 at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., recently honored a Torrance young man, Frank S. Whiting, son of S. A. Whiting of 1719 Arlington ave., as first marshal.

He was the choice of a class of 1,500, the largest ever to enter Harvard. This election was a permanent one. Duties of the marshal are to lead the procession for degrees, etc., on graduation day—and he also presides at all class reunions.

By attending school two consecutive summers and by taking half again as many courses as a person would ordinarily, he will have earned his degree in two years.

After the war Whiting plans to return to Harvard for three years in law school.

Whiting is now secretary of the student council and is in charge of freshman affairs. He was chairman of the freshman class of 1946. He entered Harvard last year for training in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

## Fern Avenue School Paper Drive March 17

Friday, March 17, is the day set for Fern Avenue school's great effort in the vast paper drive which is being enthusiastically entered into by all Los Angeles City schools during March. A grand prize of \$250 is being offered the school which brings in the largest average amount per child enrolled. For each school averaging 25 pounds each a certificate is to be awarded. Fern Avenue pupils and parents and friends will be cooperating to put their school in the running for victory Friday.

## Spaulding Given Big Job In East; Morgan Advanced

John D. Spaulding, who for a number of years has been works manager at the Torrance plant of the National Supply Company, left this week to make his home in Springfield, Ohio. Spaulding was "drafted" by company officials to take over direction of all operations at the Springfield plant of National Supply, according to D. S. Faulkner, vice-president.

The Springfield plant is a large operation engaged in the manufacture of diesel engines of both marine and stationary types. It is now in production on a very large war contract requiring increased output.

Spaulding joined the National Supply organization in 1923 as chief engineer at the Carnegie, Pa., plant. He later spent some time at the Toledo, Ohio, plant and came to Torrance in 1931, where he remained until his recent assignment to Springfield.

**Morgan Advanced**  
John S. Morgan, general superintendent at the Torrance plant, has been appointed acting works manager, Faulkner announced. It was over 20 years ago that Jack Morgan got his first job with the Torrance plant as an employee in the tool room. He later was transferred to the Carnegie plant for a period and then returned to Torrance where he advanced to the post of general superintendent.

**Spaulding Honored**  
A reception honoring John Spaulding was arranged last Saturday afternoon by the women employees in the executive offices. Friends and fellow workers from all departments and all ranks throughout the big plant came to say "good-bye and good luck" to the man they had learned to love and respect for his kindness, fairness and outstanding capabilities. The offices were adorned with flowers and Spaulding was presented with many friendly tokens as enduring remembrances of his many friends at the Torrance plant.

## City Attorney Authorized to Hire Secretary

The city council of Torrance Tuesday evening authorized employment of a secretary and stenographer for the city attorney's office at a salary of \$125, in accordance with civil service regulations. At the end of the three-month period the employee would be required to take the usual civil service examination.

The matter came up when one member of the council asserted that the city attorney should spend more time in his office and insisted that fixed office hours should be maintained by the city legal adviser.

City Attorney McCall asserted that no good attorney could have set office hours, "because attorneys have to go into court from time to time." He said he was available any time, day or night, and advised that much of his time was spent in his Los Angeles office on Torrance city business. He has insisted for some time that employment of a secretary in his Torrance office would remove any of the difficulties that may have arisen in the past.

## LIGHT RAINFALL

Rain Monday and early Tuesday brought precipitation amounting to .07 of an inch in Torrance, bringing the season's total to .4471 inches, compared with 15.87 during the same period last year.